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within the scope of the invention. Indeed, various modifications of the invention, in addition to those shown and described herein will become apparent to those skilled in the art from the foregoing description and accompanying drawings. Such modifications are intended to fall within the scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A process for purifying a protein on a hydrophobic interaction chromatography column such that the dynamic capacity of the column is increased for the protein comprising mixing a preparation containing the protein with a combination of a first salt and a second salt, loading the mixture onto a hydrophobic interaction chromatography column, and eluting the protein, wherein the first and second salts are selected from the group consisting of citrate and sulfate, citrate and acetate, and sulfate and acetate, respectively, and wherein the concentration of each of the first salt and the second salt in the mixture is between about 0.1 M and about 1.0.

2. The process of claim 1 wherein the pH of the mixture loaded onto the column is between about pH 5 and about pH 7.

3. The process of claim 1 wherein the column is eluted with a solution having a pH between about pH 5 and pH 7.

4. The process of claim 1 wherein the first and second salts are selected from the group consisting of sodium, potassium and ammonium salts.

5. The process of claim 1 wherein the protein is a fusion protein or an antibody.

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6. The process of claim 1, further comprising diluting the protein.

7. The process of claim 1, further comprising filtering the protein.

8. The process of claim 1, further comprising formulating the protein.

9. The process of claim 1, further comprising lyophilizing the protein.

10. A method of increasing the dynamic capacity of a hydrophobic interaction chromatography column for a protein, comprising mixing a preparation containing the protein with a combination of a first salt and a second salt, and loading the mixture onto a hydrophobic interaction chromatography column, wherein the first and second salts are selected from the group consisting of citrate and sulfate, citrate and acetate and sulfate and acetate, respectively, and wherein the concentration of each of the first and second salts in the mixture is between about 0.1 M and about 1.0 M.

11. The method of claim 10 wherein the pH of the mixture loaded onto the column is between about pH 5 and about pH 7.

12. The method process of claim 10, wherein the first and second salts are selected from the group consisting of sodium, potassium and ammonium salts.

13. The method of claim 10 wherein the protein is a fusion protein or an antibody.

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